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MCNAMEE WANTS U. S. BATTLESHIPS

American Commander at Vera Cruz Fears Anti-Foreign Demonstrations—Feeling is Direct Outgrowth of Pan-American Negotiations—Warships Ordered to Be Prepared

WASHINGTON, August 10.—Commander McNamee, the senior American naval officer at Vera Cruz, has asked the navy department to send a battleship squadron to guard against anti-foreign demonstrations which he fears. The battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana, now at Newport, R. I., with the Atlantic fleet, were ordered to prepare at once to get to Vera Cruz, but if the emergency should become pressing the battleships Connecticut, now in Haitian waters and about two days' sail across the gulf, would be ordered to join Commander McNamee.

The Connecticut could reach Vera Cruz several days ahead of the New Hampshire and Louisiana. Commander McNamee's report did not give details, but officials here believe the anti-American feeling which he reported is a direct outgrowth of the Pan-American negotiations in Washington for adjustment of difficulties between the factions.

Other developments in Mexico City, such as Carranza's expulsion of the Guatemalan minister and differences with Brazilian ministers, because both countries participated in the Pan-American conference, are taken as evidence of Carranza's displeasure with the stand the United States has taken. Although there are other small vessels in Mexican waters the gunboat Sacramento, on which Commander McNamee has his flag, is the only American naval vessel at Vera Cruz.

With the arrival of the Louisiana, the flagship of the fourth division of the Atlantic fleet, Commander McNamee will be superseded in command of the American forces by Rear Admiral McLean. Admiral Benson and Leon Canova, chief of the Latin-American division of the state department, foregather concerning the report that foreigners were in danger at Vera Cruz, and then went to the office of Secretary Lansing.

It was inferred that Commander McNamee had urged a despatch of vessels without loss of time.

The conference with the secretary was brief. When Admiral Benson came out he said: "I repeat that no additional forces have been ordered to Vera Cruz or Mexico."

The gunboat Marietta has been ordered to proceed from Progreso to Vera Cruz in order that there may be a ship at the disposal of the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers, who are leaving Mexico. It is assumed that the Louisiana and New Hampshire will be held at Newport for further orders.

THE WEATHER.

Partly Cloudy Tonight and Wednesday—Northwest Winds.

WASHINGTON, August 10.—The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Gentle to moderate northwest winds.

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TOUGH FIRE IN JELLY MILL

Ancient Flat St. Structure Sustained Further Damage Last Evening

FLAMES FIRST SEEN IN GASS RAG SHOP

Prompt Work by Fire Department Prevented Spread of Fire to Main Building—Estimate of Losses Hard to Get—Amusing Incident Pleasured Crowd.

The old jelly mill annex on Flat street, twice threatened by floods within the last month, was the scene of an ugly fire early last evening. The actual damage to the building and contents as a result of yesterday's blaze probably does not exceed \$3,000, but added to previous damage by floods it leaves the structure in a dangerous condition. The weight of the water thrown upon it during the fire was too much for the weakened underpinning in the rear and the sections above have settled badly. The rear wall is bulged and split and the entire rear of the building has apparently sagged since last night.

It was 6:30 o'clock last evening when fire in the ragshop of George Gass, in the middle floor of the three story annex, was discovered almost simultaneously by Jason E. Bushnell in his store on Elliot street and Police Chief George Wilson who was near the bridge on Main street.

Mr. Bushnell telephoned an alarm to fire headquarters and the motor apparatus was just leaving the house as box 36 was sounded by the chief. Chauffeur Charles Stockwell of the motor apparatus went out Elliot street and came down to Flat street from Elm street while the fire drawn apparatus soon followed by the same route, both answering the direction of the telephone call instead of the box alarm, but no time was lost.

The first few minutes were spent by both pieces of apparatus in stringing lines of hose and both had them rapidly. Not a thing went wrong with the firemen. They got water promptly; men enough of the department were on hand to take the lines as fast as the pipes were connected and to rush them where they would do the most good.

When the alarm sounded flames were shooting out of the door leading to the Gass shop and up the front of the building, but the first line soon quelled that outbreak although there was plenty of fire among the piles of baled paper and rags in the interior.

Lines were run into the first floor adjoining the big four-story main building occupied entirely by John Dunton as a second-hand store and another up the runway to the second floor and under the direction of Assistant Chief W. A. Shumway they headed off any chance of the flames reaching the main building so long as the streams at work on the blaze itself could prevent that getting the upper hand and working up to the roof.

On the other end men worked rapidly hauling automobiles from the garage of Frank A. Larrow, owner of the building, and even rolled out barrels of gasoline. A line was carried in there and the pipemen were able to play their stream through a open door on the flames in the rag shop and prevent them from getting through the wooden partition to the oil soaked wooden floor.

Men worked their way into the third floor, dropped a rope over a window and attached it to a dry line of hose ready to haul it up in the event of the fire getting into the second floor, but the flood of water poured into the building from all directions kept the fire on the first floor. Later in the fight a stream was laid from the hydrant at the corner of Canal and South Main streets and carried through the front yard where it terminated at the fire hose to hear on the rear of the building.

The absence of wind, the fortunate discovery of the fire at a time when firemen were readily available, the fact that there were no serious handicaps at the start of the work when every second counted more than minutes would later, and the willingness of the firemen to face a tough, smoky fire in a building that was hardly safe, prevented a fire worse than the one on election night when Mosher's garage and other buildings on the same street were burned.

Close estimates of the loss are difficult to obtain. So far as the actual fire damage to the building itself is concerned probably \$300 would cover it, but the resultant additional damage to the structure by weakening it is also attributable to the fire.

The DeWitt Grocery Co. had a quantity of paper plates in crates and lamp chimneys in cartons and there is considerable damage to the first by water and to the second by breakage. The concern had transferred its insurance on the contents of that building yesterday, intending to remove the goods today.

On the second floor Mr. Larrow had a tally-ho and numerous carriages stored and there is water damage to them and some damage to harness that was thrown out and which would have been undamaged if left in the building.

H. M. Wheelock, who has a paint shop on the second floor, sustained some damage, but the principal damage was to the stock of rags and baled paper in the shop of Mr. Gass.

The third floor of the annex was occupied entirely by John Dunton as a store room and the damage there was done by smoke.

The crowd had a lot of fun at the start out of the experience of two men who were aiding in straightening out a line of hose near the hydrant in front of the

MAY START ACTIONS AGAINST OFFICIALS

Church People of Saxtons River Aroused Over Sunday Baseball Games at Barber Park.

(Special to The Reformer.)

SAXTONS RIVER, August 10.—There is a movement in this village to proceed against the officers of Windham county for not performing their duty in accordance with their oaths of office. This movement is the result of the decision of the management of the Bellows Falls Twin State baseball team to play Sunday games at Barber park.

At the union services in the Baptist church of this village Sunday Rev. W. H. Desjardins said he had been a baseball fan from his college days, but he wished to go on record as unalterably opposed to commercializing the Sabbath by playing baseball. He asked all patrons of the games at Barber park to refrain from patronizing them until Sunday contests were stopped. He said the officers of the county had been notified of the proposed breaking of the law and that if they did not act proceedings would be started against them. He asked for an expression of protest from all who were present and the congregation of 142 rose en masse.

The congregations of the two churches met together because the pastor of the Congregational church was on his vacation, and the vote was not taken from an audience called out for that purpose. The Sunday schools of Saxtons River had planned to hold their annual picnic at Barber park as usual this year, but because of the attitude of the park management toward Sunday baseball the picnic will be held on the grounds of Vermont academy Thursday of this week.

FISHERMAN CAUGHT SWALLOW.

Made Cast for Trout, But Bird Became Entangled in Line.

MIDDLEBURY, August 10.—John Higgins, proprietor of the Adson, and C. M. Spaulding of Troy, N. Y., a guest at the hotel went fishing for trout in a small pond on Mr. Higgins' private preserve a few miles south of Middlebury.

This fact by itself is not particularly startling, but Mr. Higgins' experience while casting establishes this year's record. While making a forward cast, Mr. Higgins sent the artificial fly high in the air. Presto! A swallow passing overhead at the very instant became entangled in the line. The bird immediately made a dash for a higher altitude taking along the line which whizzed off the reel at great speed. Mr. Higgins allowed the swallow to attain a considerable height and then reeled it in as carefully as though it were a speckled trout. The bird was unharmed and was given its freedom.

DEATH OF GEORGE FITCH.

Author Noted for His Humorous Writings—Creator of "Siwash."

SAN FRANCISCO, August 10.—George Fitch, the author of "Peoria, Ill.", died at a sanitarium in Berkeley, yesterday, having failed to rally from an operation for appendicitis performed Sunday. Mr. Fitch was taken ill on Saturday. He had been visiting his sister, Miss R. Louise Fitch, who is a student in the university of California. Mr. Fitch became famous as the author of the "Siwash" stories in which he gave humorous accounts of life in a small mid-western college. He was born in Galva, Ill., in 1877 and was graduated from Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., in 1897.

MANIAC'S BITE MAY KILL HER.

Young Nurse Seriously Ill as Result of Patient's Attack.

ELIZABETH, N. J., August 10.—The bite of a woman patient who suddenly became insane may cause Miss Ruth Carter, a nurse at the St. Elizabeth hospital, to lose her life. The bite was inflicted on her hand two months ago.

Infection developed slowly, but now her entire system is affected and her case is baffling the efforts of the hospital physicians. Miss Carter is a native of Arlington county, and is 21. The woman who bit her was removed to the state hospital for the insane at Morris Plains.

REFUGEES CROWD RIGA.

Thousands From Courland Are Pouring Into Russian City.

PETROGRAD, August 10.—Refugees from Courland continue to pour into Riga by the thousands and the fields outside the town are filled with herds of cattle and droves of horses that have been rescued from the German invaders of the provinces.

As far as possible huts and tents have been provided for the refugees, but throughs nevertheless are sleeping in the woods. There is a great shortage of bread in consequence of the removal of the machinery from the mills.

building. Henry Pellerin, on the hose wagon drove by them laying a line of hose and turned sharply into the yard. The line he was laying failed to run freely from the wagon and it caught Charles H. Oakes and yanked his feet out from under him so that he sat down vigorously. N. H. Arnold was caught and dragged against the hydrant but the extent of his injuries were a ruined pair of trousers and a bruised knee. Chief Wilson had to step lively to escape a similar fate.

UNVEILING OF MARKER TODAY

Hundreds Start for Stratton Mountain for Memorial Exercises

TABLET IN MEMORY OF DANIEL WEBSTER

Great Statesman Addressed 15,000 There 75 Years Ago—Historical Address by Frank E. Howe of Bennington—Banquet Tonight.

Today is the day set for the unveiling of the marker erected on Stratton mountain by the Stratton Mountain club as a memorial to Daniel Webster, America's great statesman, who 75 years ago, in 1840, addressed a crowd of about 15,000 persons at a Whig political meeting on the premises where the marker has been set up, going from Barre, Mass., through Brattleboro and being met south of the town by the late ex-Gov. Fred. Erick Holbrook and other citizens. The program was announced to begin at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and during the forenoon hundreds of persons from places many miles away started for the historic spot to listen to the memorial exercises. The spot where the marker has been erected is several miles from a telephone so that it is impossible to receive direct news from the convention ground, but barring delays the program, at the time The Reformer goes to press, is under way.

The marker is a natural boulder moved to the desired spot. On one face has been placed by C. Victor Grant of Brattleboro a bronze tablet bearing a suitable inscription. The tablet is 17 inches by 18 inches. The president of the Stratton Mountain club, which has placed this enduring monument to commemorate an event of much historic importance to this state is Miss Ethel A. Eddy of Stratton, a teacher in the Brattleboro schools, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Eddy of Stratton.

As arranged, the program was to open with music by the Londonderry band. Prayer by Rev. E. W. Johnson of West Wardsboro was to be followed by the singing of a song, "My Old Green Mountain Home," written by Roy W. Lyman, formerly of Stratton, and another selection by the band.

Frank E. Howe of Bennington, formerly of this town and former lieutenant governor, arrived last night in readiness to give the historical address. He planned to review the issues of the campaign of 1840, when William Henry Harrison was the Whig candidate for president and Martin Van Buren headed the Democratic ticket, also to mention some of the prominent men of Vermont at that time and to review the progress of the state in various ways.

Following another number by the band the program calls for the unveiling of the marker by Doris Eddy, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Hermon E. Eddy of Brattleboro, former Stratton residents. James P. Taylor of Burlington, secretary of the Greater Vermont association, is to give the dedicatory address, and after benediction by Rev. Ashfield Ashford of Wardsboro the exercises will close with music by the band.

Tonight the Stratton Mountain club will serve a banquet in the vestry of the church at West Wardsboro, following which will come the annual business meeting of the club.

The dedicatory address was substantially as follows: "We have gathered here to dedicate a memorial of one of the most interesting happenings in this region, a notable event in Vermont history. This Webster tablet transforms this spot for even the most careless and thoughtless mountain wanderer. Unnoticed before, the place where we are now gathered will become a scene of pilgrimages, where pilgrims strive to recreate the picturesque scenes of 75 years ago when thousands of Vermonters became pedestrian politicians and political pedestrians. Then the Green Mountain Boys sought the Green Mountains, not because they were driven here by the threats of a New York state governor, but because they were drawn here by a statesman and orator from the state of New Hampshire.

This tablet will serve as a perpetual reminder that Vermonters have regarded a spot in the Green mountains as the best place for a gathering together of the men of the East, the men of the West, the men of the South, and the men of the North. Its interpretation of our Vermont scenery is that the Green mountain range is not a barrier, a Chinese wall, separating the East from the West and the West from East, but rather a wonderful highland for vision and fellowship where the East and the West can meet. So far as our mountains divide, they are a curse; they are a blessing, so far as they unite. For us independent, liberty-loving Vermonters, as for the nation in the sixties is not the great message of Webster embodied in his historic words: "Liberty and Union, one and inseparable, now and forever."

It might be a happy thing for Vermonters to have a similar fate.

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GERMANS PRESSED BACK FROM RIGA

Russians Make Determined Stand on Land, and Barriers Keep Battle Fleet from Entrance to the Gulf—Teutonic Success Continues in Southern Poland

TO INQUIRE ABOUT EASTLAND DISASTER

President to Confer with Secretary Redfield—In Role of Rescuer Yesterday.

CORNISH, N. H., August 10.—President Wilson is planning to confer with Secretary Redfield soon after reaching Washington and to go over thoroughly all facts connected with the Eastland disaster in Chicago in order to learn whether any federal official was in any way to blame in the disaster resulting from the overturned steamer. Upon what he learns will depend whether the President will recommend to congress any legislation for the purpose of further safeguarding the lives of passengers on steamers.

He played golf today with Dr. Grayson on the private links of F. A. Kennedy below Windsor and planned to take an automobile ride this afternoon.

Yesterday as the President's automobile founded a curve between Windsor and Ascutneyville he and his companions were startled to see another machine overturned at the bottom of an embankment. Mr. Wilson ordered his automobile stopped and he and Dr. Grayson jumped out and ran down to investigate.

They found C. C. Judd, Miss E. A. Swasey and Mrs. Emma Hathaway, all of Norwich, Vt., underneath the overturned automobile, and the President helped pull them out. They were badly bruised and frightened, but an examination by Dr. Grayson showed that none of them was seriously injured.

The President and Dr. Grayson assisted the women to the road and then Mr. Wilson directed that the secret service men accompany him, remain behind, and render all assistance possible. The people in the overturned automobile did not recognize the President and did not know who had helped them until later, but they thanked him profusely for his aid.

For several minutes the President remained standing in the mud, examining the wrecked car. After determining that he could do nothing further, the President continued his ride. The secret service men took the two women to Windsor, Vt., in another machine and sent a wrecking crew to pull the damaged car back to the road.

HEED WOMEN NO LONGER.

Canada Withdraws Enlistment Veto from Wives and Mothers.

OTTAWA, Ontario, August 10.—Wife and mother have had their day in Canada, so far as forbidding their men folk to go to war is concerned, and that day is past, according to official announcement made yesterday by the militia department. It will no longer be possible, in another machine and sent a wrecking crew to pull the damaged car back to the road.

In announcing the withdrawal of the veto privilege given to women early in the struggle, the department also served notice on all Canadians that they could no longer dodge military service by paying \$15 apiece. Hereafter it has been possible for enlisted men to buy discharge charges by paying this sum. The practice is to be discontinued.

Gen. Sam Hughes, head of the department, is now in England. It was Gen. Hughes who gave the women the right to veto the enlistment of their husbands and minor sons.

ENTERED CHESTERFIELD HOUSE

Clyde Underwood Bound Over to Fall Term of Cheshire County Court.

KEENE, N. H., August 10.—Clyde Underwood of Holyoke, Mass., who was arrested Saturday morning when coming out of the home of Wallace K. Ware in Chesterfield, was brought before Judge Holmes on the charge of breaking and entering in the night time, with intent to steal.

Underwood was represented by Charles A. Madden and entered a plea of not guilty. He was bound over to the October term of superior court in \$400 bonds. On failing to secure bail he was sent to jail.

FINE MUSICAL PROGRAM.

Concert by First Regiment Band Tomorrow Evening to Be a Treat.

The concert to be given by the First Regiment band on the common tomorrow evening on its return from muster promises to be one of the musical treats of the season. The program, which has been printed already in The Reformer, will last from 8 o'clock to 9:45 and contains two special numbers which will be played in Brattleboro for the first time. They are Luigi's Egyptian Ballet suite, in four parts, and Sousa's new descriptive composition, Dwellers of the Western World.

Teutonic pressure on the eastern war front continues heavy against the Russian positions all along the line with the steady retirement of Grand Duke Nicholas's troops recorded in most of the sectors.

Northeast of Warsaw and up to the Baltic provinces the Russians are making their most determined stand. Increasingly strong resistance to German assault is indicated in this territory, where serious breaches would menace the new Russian lines of defense.

In the Baltic provinces Petrograd claims the Germans are being pressed back from Riga on land while on the water an attempt by the German battle fleet to break through the mine barriers defending the entrance to the gulf of Riga were beaten off.

The Russians also assert they have checked German advance guards in the Vilkomer district, at which point the invaders are within 50 miles of the trunk line railroad to Petrograd.

At Kovno it is declared that despite the bringing up of the heaviest calibre German guns desperate attacks on the fortress have been repulsed with heavy losses to the attacking forces.

Austro-Germany pressure of the retreating Russians continues strong in the Warsaw sector and along the line to the southeast. Pronounced successes for Teutonic forces are reported all through Southern Poland from the Vistula to the Bug.

Rome reports the capture of some Austrian trenches in the Cavallo pass in the Carnia region.

JOKE ON BIRD PROFESSOR.

Stuffed Owl in Tree Subject of Two Hours' Study at U. V. M.

The bird class of the University of Vermont summer school, while on its usual Saturday afternoon tramp in search of the feathered folk, discovered an owl perched in a pine tree in the vicinity of what is known as Holt's woods. The professor in charge of the class proclaimed the specimen to be a most extraordinary one. After studying the owl diligently for about two hours, during which time there were many "ohs" and "ahs" from the members of the class, it was found that the bird was stuffed and that it had evidently been placed there by some practical joker. The discovery came after ineffectual attempts to make the bird fly had been made by one of the students. The miscreant who perpetrated the deed has not been found as yet.

CLOUDEBURST YESTERDAY.

Three Inches of Rain at Lacania—Woman Killed by Lightning.

BOSTON, August 10.—Storms that in some quarters assumed the proportions of a cloudburst, swept New England yesterday afternoon, killing one woman and causing a property loss that will run high into the thousands when it is tabulated. Lightning fired buildings in many places, while vast quantities of growing crops were ruined under a terrific onslaught of hail and wind.

The highest rainfall reported last night was at Lacania, N. H., where three inches of water is said to have fallen in three-quarters of an hour.

This section seems to have been one of the hardest hit in all the storm areas, for great hailstones pelted glass and vegetation all over the city.

In the neighboring town of Lakeport a bolt struck the house of Mrs. Edgar Giguere, who was instantly killed.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Former Vermonter Killed by Bandits.

Frank L. Austin of Burlington has received a telegram from his aunt, Mrs. Alfred L. Austin, stating that her husband, Alfred C. Austin, and son, Charles L. Austin, have been killed by bandits near their ranch in Sebastian, Texas. The telegram gave no details nor any information regarding the funeral arrangements.

Alfred Lyman Austin was born in Cambridge, May 27, 1856. He went to Burlington with his father, Lyman Austin, in 1867, and lived there until about 1905, working as a carpenter and later as a contractor. He married Nellie Daly and two children were born to them, Charles Lyman, who was killed with his father, and Louis Daly, who is with his mother on the ranch.

In 1905 Mr. Austin went with his father to the Panama canal zone and after a stay of a few years there he moved to Sebastian, Texas, where he bought the ranch on which he and his son were killed.

Excursion to Newport, R. I., August 26. See Ad. on page 6.